

Charlotte Conservation Commission  
Draft Meeting Minutes  
September 24th, 2019  
Charlotte Town Hall  
7:00 PM

Members in attendance: Amos Baehr, Roel Boumans, Derk Bergquist, Linda Radimer, Kevin Burget, Mel Huff, Krista Hoffsis and Susan Blood.

7:00 P.M. Review Minutes for August, 2019 - We'll review next meeting!

7:10 Continuation of suggested Protocol for Trail Camera uploading and storage of data: Derk and Roel

- Roel is going to take 3 cameras and mount them at different heights to see if the height matters.
- Derk has made the wheels and so fairly soon he'll test the cameras.
- Derk suggests putting the cameras up on wildlife trails. Wildlife is not distributed randomly so putting them in random places may not show us what we need.
- Are the cameras the best way to get a baseline of what we have in terms of wildlife? Tracking, cameras and Significant Habitat maps - if those 3 agree then we have some good information.
- Opportunity to take a 5 day workshop for people to learn about wildlife movement. Linda will get more information - maybe someone could do it next year?

7:20 Budget for 2019-2020

Lewis Creek Association; Green Up Day; Association of VT Cons. Comm;

CHIC; Education and Outreach; Wildlife Crossing Signs; Web Site  
Updates; other

We have 4 cameras and we would like to ask for 2 to 4 more. Kevin will look at sites about testing cameras so we can decide which ones to buy. He'll let us know in a few days.

Is this premature? We are having trouble getting 4 cameras going. Seems to be more people in favor than not.

CHIC is working on yellow iris.

What is Lewis Creek doing with this money? Also working on yellow iris, continuing to tackle frogbit.

Roel says the water quality in Town Farm Bay is better this year with hemp growing rather than what has been grown before.

Meg Berlin has all the pictures for a calendar! She would rather do it for the 5th anniversary of Larry Hamilton's life and so that would be for 2021. What is the money raised for? Some kind of project with trees. Perhaps someone could ask Linda Hamilton if she has any ideas about what Larry would have liked. Perhaps a project on the Burns property? Perhaps planting trees along the trail there. What if we worked with the Trails Committee on this? Planting trees would be a way to keep animals away from the Thorpe Brook - give them cover for movement.

Add \$50 for SmugMug - Kevin already paid for this.

7:45 Check in for Conservation Current Articles

Kevin has one that's almost done! Yay!

Susan found Roel's article to edit! :)

7:50 Update on Town Trails

Looking to finish up the final proposal for the trail on State Park Road to present to the Select Board.

7:55 Other

LCA is having a party on Oct 27th - a Sunday afternoon from 3-5:30. They are looking for sponsors - even just in terms of attending. This will be at Philo Ridge Farm.

8:00 - Motion made to adjourn - seconded and approved. Good night!

Minutes submitted by Susan Blood